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VIA FAX

Dear Attorney Hesse:

I would like to add my comments, regarding the proposed settlement in the Microsoft lawsuit.

Presently, it appears that our economy is either in a recession or quickly heading in that direction. Consumer spending and consumer confidence is down. The one thing we should not be doing right now is putting roadblocks in the way of American industry.

Microsoft and America's Hi-tech industry have been able to prosper and create much-needed jobs, because they are innovative and competitive. What they don't need right now is government interference, over-regulation and being forced to spend money on lawsuits. That money could be better spent creating new products.

These new products would benefit American consumers in a couple of ways. First, they would make our jobs easier and improve productivity. Secondly, they would create new jobs in the technology sector of our economy.

Let's put a quick end to the lawsuits. Let's get America back to work.

Yours truly,

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